

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF INDIANA
INDIANAPOLIS DIVISION

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In re: BRIDGESTONE/FIRESTONE, INC.,)	
ATX, ATX II, and WILDERNESS TIRES)	Master File No. IP OO-9373-C-B/S
PRODUCTS LIABILITY LITIGATION)	MDL No. 1373
_____)	(centralized before Hon. Sarah Evans Barker,
)	Chief Judge)
THIS DOCUMENT RELATES TO ALL)	
ACTIONS)	
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**ORDER GRANTING AUTHORITY TO
DISSEMINATE NOTICE OF COURT ORDERS AND NOTICES BY E-MAIL
AND TO SERVE ALL OTHER PLEADINGS AND MOTIONS BY FACSIMILE**

The Plaintiffs' Executive Committee having sought authority to disseminate notice to all Plaintiffs' counsel of Court orders and notice by electronic mail, and to serve upon all counsel all other pleadings, motions, briefs and papers filed in this MDL proceeding that relate to all cases by facsimile, and the Court having considered such motion, and having determined that service by such methods will promote the efficient administration of this MDL proceeding, finds that such motion should be, with minor modifications, GRANTED.

It is THEREFORE ORDERED as follows:

1. Liaison Counsel shall be responsible for ensuring that all orders and notices issued by this Court in this MDL proceeding which relate to all cases be immediately posted on the website being established by the Plaintiffs' Executive Committee as soon as that website becomes operational;

2. At the time such orders and notices are posted on the Executive Committee's website, Liaison Counsel shall notify all Plaintiffs' Counsel by electronic mail of the posting of such order or notice in lieu of serving such order or notice by regular mail, except for such Plaintiffs' Counsel who decline to accept such electronic notice in lieu of regular mail, in which case Liaison Counsel shall deliver such order or notice to any such counsel by regular mail.
3. Liaison Counsel shall notify the Court when the website referred to above has become functional. At that time, Liaison Counsel may begin to provide notice of this Court's orders and notices to Plaintiffs' Counsel electronically as set forth above. Until that website becomes functional, Liaison Counsel shall continue to distribute copies of all Court orders and notices in this MDL proceeding by regular mail.
4. Liaison Counsel shall serve all other pleadings, motions, briefs or other papers filed in this MDL proceeding that relate to all cases by facsimile in lieu of regular mail upon all counsel except for such counsel who decline to accept service by facsimile in lieu of regular mail, in which case Liaison Counsel shall serve such pleadings, motions, briefs or other papers upon such counsel by regular mail. Upon service by facsimile, Liaison Counsel shall promptly provide notice to counsel via electronic mail that the particular pleading, motion, brief, or other paper has been served by facsimile. Counsel who decline to accept service by facsimile shall not be precluded from requesting that particular time-sensitive papers be served by facsimile, and Liaison Counsel (and any counsel serving papers in this MDL) are directed to provide facsimile or other expeditious service of filings when they in good faith determine the circumstances to warrant it.

5. Within 14 days of this Order, any Plaintiffs' Counsel who is unwilling to accept notice of the issuance of Court orders and notices in this MDL proceeding by electronic mail in lieu of regular mail shall inform Liaison Counsel, as set forth above. All Plaintiffs' Counsel shall provide to Liaison Counsel an e-mail address unless they do not utilize an e-mail address.
6. Within 14 days of this Order, any Plaintiffs' Counsel who is unwilling to accept service of all pleadings, motions, briefs, and other papers filed in this MDL proceeding that relate to all actions by facsimile in lieu of service by regular mail shall inform Liaison Counsel. All Plaintiffs' Counsel shall provide to Liaison Counsel their facsimile number.

It is so ORDERED this ____ day of December, 2000.

SARAH EVANS BARKER, CHIEF JUDGE
United States District Court
Southern District of Indiana

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